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Dear Headteacher,

### **Discontinuation of SBC racist incident data collection process**

I write to advise Slough Borough Council has made the decision to discontinue its collection of racist incident data from schools.

As a result, schools will not be required to make any racist incident returns to us from the 2018/19 academic year onwards.

In order to ensure we no longer receive reports from your school, please could you forward this correspondence on to relevant staff as appropriate.

### **Rationale and advice for schools**

There is no legal requirement for schools or local authorities to collect such information and as a number of schools have either ceased to make returns to us, or have been doing so intermittently, the quality of our dataset has substantially diminished.

Whilst racist incident information will no longer be collected by us, it is strongly advised that you continue to record, analyse and learn from racist incidents occurring in school. Doing so will allow you to:

- supply evidence to Ofsted inspectors who may look at the quality and implementation of your behaviour policies.
- make evidence based decisions on whether it is appropriate to impose sanctions against perpetrators of serious bullying incidents.
- support general legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 i.e. to be aware of any problems occurring in school and take steps to rectify them.

If you consider them fit for purpose, you may continue to utilise any reporting templates Slough Borough Council has previously provided to you.

Finally, I'd like to thank you to all of you for your co-operation with the racist incident reporting process over the last few years.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Brotherton  
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